As a CT constituent (name and address details below), I am asking you to please vote NO on HB5263 which would all for processing of rabbits for food consumption in CT

- 1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats
- 2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

- 3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.
- 4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.
- 5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Sincerely, Nicola Coleman 381 Woodridge Ave Fairfield, CT 06825 own lives.

- 3. There is no existing market for raising, slaughtering, and eating rabbits in CT. Please do not allow our state to be known for participating in the creation of questionable rabbit factories.
- 4. CT is known to be a well-educated state. Please do not erode our hard earned reputation by sliding backward in our respect for animals.
- 5. I will also add my belief that no animal should be bred, raised, confined, or even eaten for our pleasure or money-making advancement.

Please do not allow HB 5263 to move forward, and again, thank you for your service to Connecticut.

Sincerely, Jeanne Martin Mystic/Groton, CT